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The Honorable Karen Bass
U.S. House of Representatives
408 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Bass:

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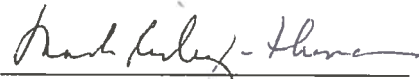
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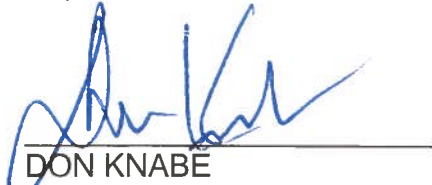
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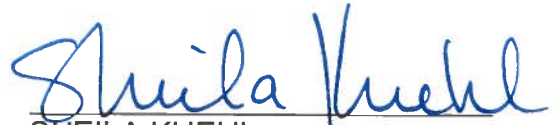
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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
U.S. House of Representatives
1226 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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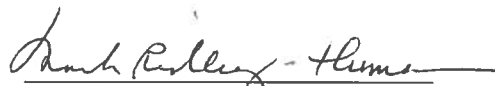
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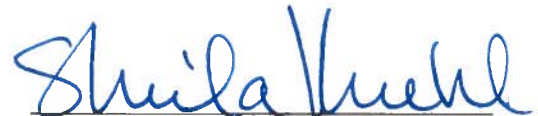
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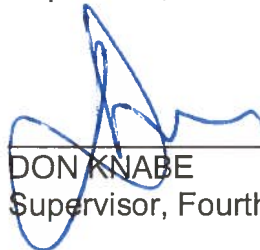
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United States Senate
SH-112 Hart Senate Office Building
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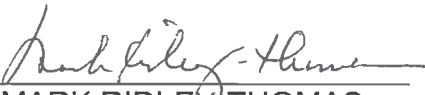
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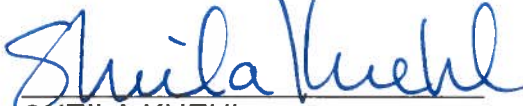
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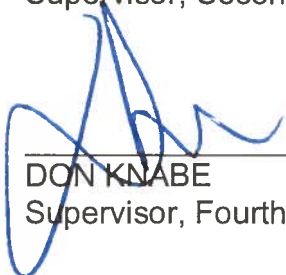
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U.S. House of Representatives
1019 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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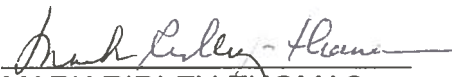
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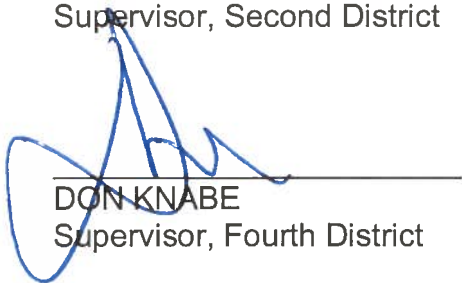
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The Honorable Tony Cardenas
U.S. House of Representatives
1510 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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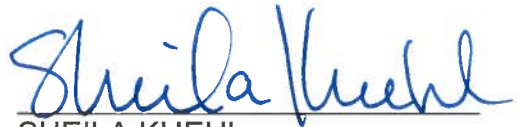
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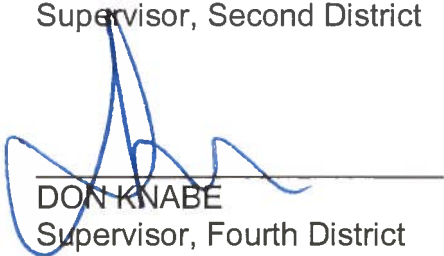
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U.S. House of Representatives
2423 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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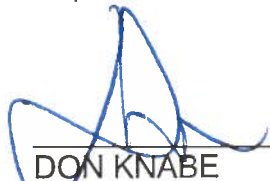
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United States Senate
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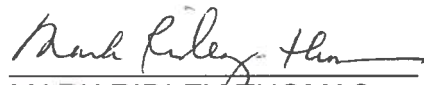
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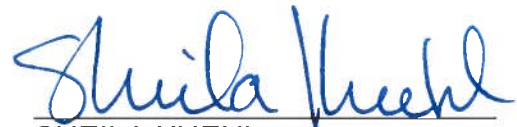
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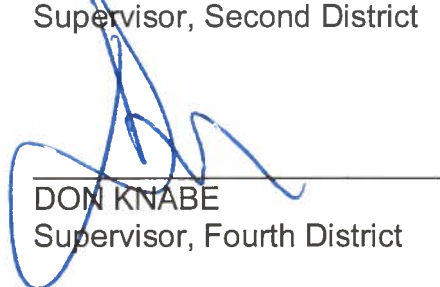
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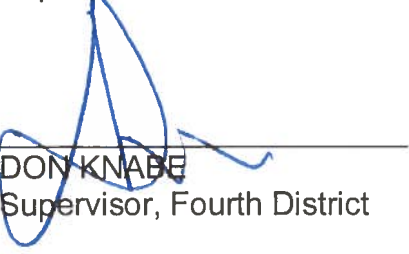
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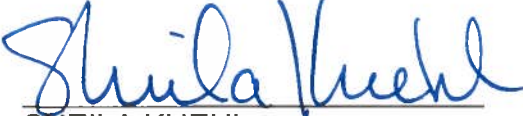
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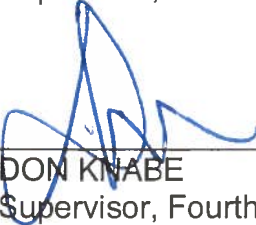
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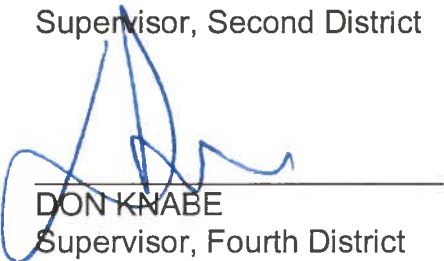
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U.S. House of Representatives
108 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Lowenthal:

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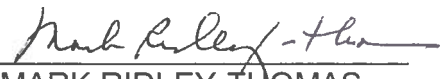
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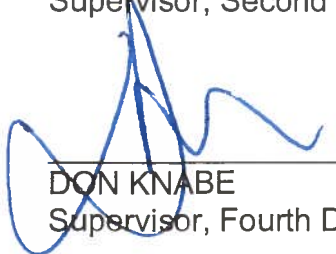
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives
2421 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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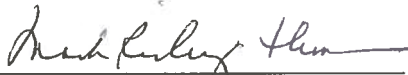
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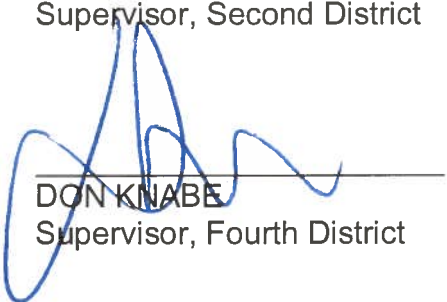
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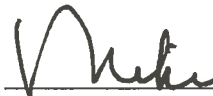
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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
U.S. House of Representatives
1610 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representative Napolitano:

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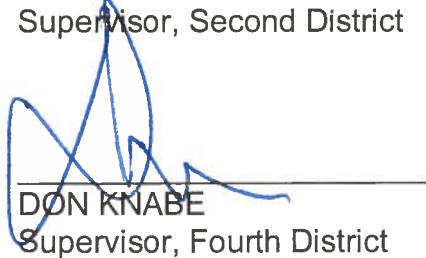
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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
U.S. House of Representatives
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Roybal-Allard:

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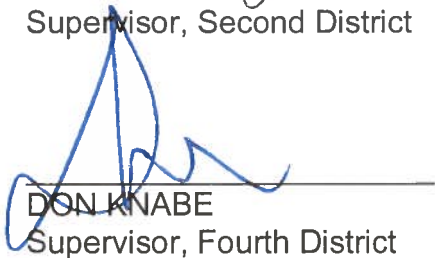
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The Honorable Ed Royce
U.S. House of Representatives
2310 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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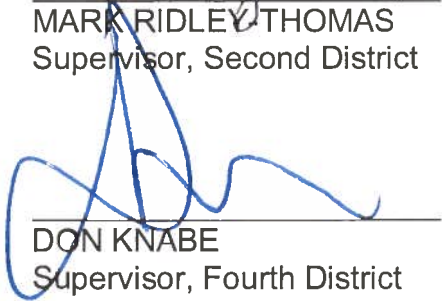
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The Honorable Linda Sánchez
U.S. House of Representatives
2329 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Sánchez:

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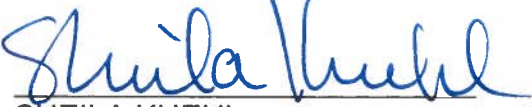
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U.S. House of Representatives
2411 Rayburn House Office Building
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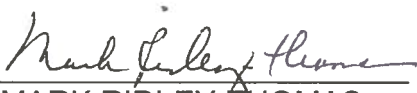
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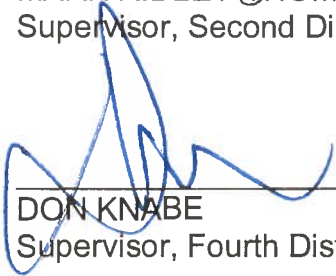
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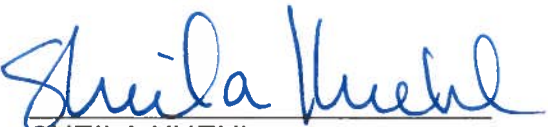
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U.S. House of Representatives
2242 Rayburn House Office Building
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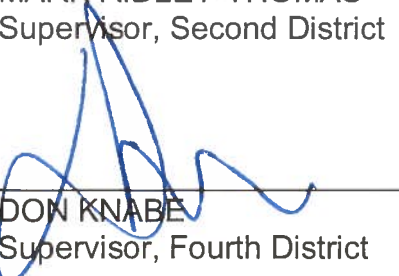
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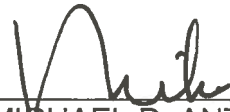
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The Honorable Norma Torres
U.S. House of Representatives
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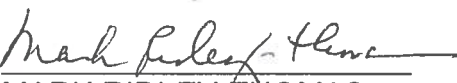
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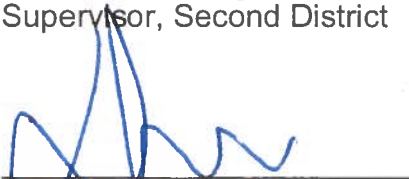
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U.S. House of Representatives
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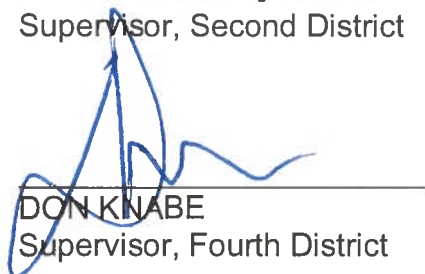
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February 10, 2016

Mr. Andy Slavitt
Acting Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Administrator Slavitt:

We are writing to urgently request that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) remove Subsection 438.6(c) from the final proposed Medicaid Managed Care rule, or in the alternative, to expressly clarify that states can continue to have the discretion to establish payment parameters, including targeted payments, to achieve state goals.

Los Angeles County runs the second largest public health system in the nation. The County has historically served a disproportionate share of Medicaid and uninsured patients who often have complex health, mental health, and social conditions. The County has also been a leader in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act which included the expansion of Medicaid benefits to persons who previously lacked health care coverage. By far, Medicaid is the most important funding source for the County's health care safety net and the patients the County serves.

Subsection 438.6(c) of the proposed Medicaid Managed Care rule has the potential to severely undermine the financing of the County's health care system. This subsection would restrict states from negotiating rate ranges and directing expenditures of Medicaid managed care plans. Currently, CMS has approved arrangements negotiated by the State of California to provide for directed payments to safety net providers under Medicaid managed care. These payments are subject to Federal oversight and were approved and designed to ensure that providers of vital safety net services for our most vulnerable populations remain viable. As drafted, the proposed rule would prohibit this current arrangement.


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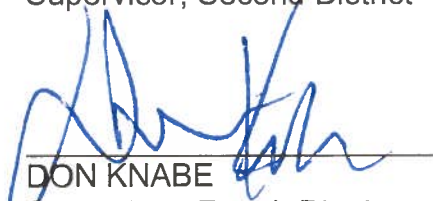
California's ability to continue directed Medicaid managed care payments is necessary for the financial viability of Los Angeles County's entire health care safety net system and must be preserved.

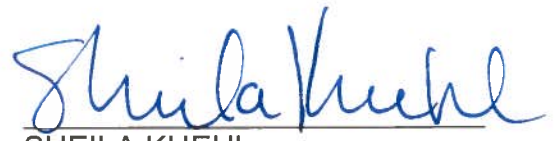
We appreciate your consideration of this urgent request.

Sincerely,


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